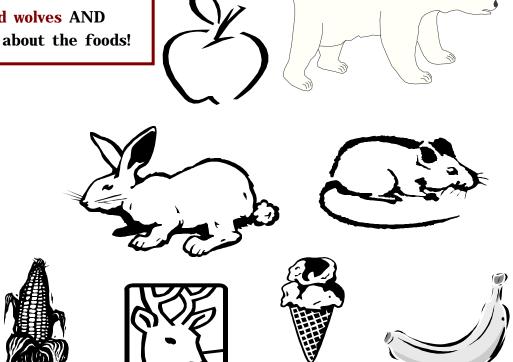
WOLFING DOWN DINNER!

Wolves eat meat. Animals that eat meat are called <u>carnivores</u>. Wolves must <u>hunt</u> for their food. Animals that hunt are called <u>predators</u>. Red wolves hunt <u>prey</u> such as deer, wild pigs, rabbits, nutria, mice and other small <u>mammals</u>. Sometimes they eat insects such as grasshoppers. Hunting for food is hard work. Usually the prey gets away! Red wolves eat just about whatever they can catch. Sometimes they may hunt together in <u>packs</u>. Usually they hunt alone or in pairs. The father wolf brings food for the mother wolf when the <u>pups</u> are too young for her to leave them. As the pups are being <u>weaned</u>, the adult wolves carry food to the <u>den</u> in their stomachs and bring it back up for the pups to eat. This is called <u>regurgitation</u>. Carrying food to the den in their own "grocery baskets" keeps it clean for the pups. It is also easier for the adults to carry food back to the den in their stomachs than to carry it in their mouths! When the pups no longer need their mother's milk, the parents move the family to a <u>rendezvous site</u>, a place where there is shelter and water. Here the pups learn to catch small prey as they gain weight and strength.

- Which foods does a red wolf eat?
 Circle the foods!
- Which food do YOU eat? Put an X beside the foods!
- Which foods do red wolves AND humans eat? Talk about the foods!





THINK ABOUT IT! WRITE ABOUT IT! What does "wolfing your food" mean?	